



# THE ISAIAN

## PUBLICIZING THE MIRACLE: HANUKKAH LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS *By Rabbi Klein*



One of the traditional customs of Hanukkah is called in Hebrew *Pirsumei Nisa*, which means “Publicizing the Miracle.” Motel 6 advertises, “We will leave a light on for you.” Think of Hanukkah as the Motel 6 of holidays. Lights and decorations are a part of proclaiming the miracle and celebrating.

As the Reform Responsa Committee wrote in responding to the question of electric menorahs being displayed in condominium lobbies: “It is appropriate to display a menorah publicly; in fact, the traditional statements about the menorah prescribe that the lights be visible from the outside. In the warmer lands of North Africa and the Near East, almost every menorah was designed to be placed on the outer wall of the home and lit there in the Jewish quarter.”

It may surprise many Reform Jews to learn this, but it is traditional, appropriate and Jewish to decorate your homes for Hanukkah. Many Jews feel that these decorations look too much like Christmas. A “Hanukkah bush” is pushing it a little. However, historically, we Jews have given up many of our own practices because they looked Christian: for example, bowing or kneeling during services and flowers on graves. Decorating your home for Hanukkah is in keeping with authentic Judaism. Colorful brightly lit dreidls, illustrations of the Maccabee story, stars of David, menorahs, dancing candles and blue and white streamers are all a part of *Pirsumei Nisa*, “Publicizing the Miracle.”

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Download and print a book I created for Temple Isaiah called “The Hanukkah Spectacular.” You can find it on our website at [www.TempleIsaiah.com/Hanukkah](http://www.TempleIsaiah.com/Hanukkah). It is filled with Hanukkah stories, activities, history, poems, games, teachings, inspirations, trivia, recipes and more. Enjoy, and happy Festival of Lights! □

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**LIGHT IS A SYMBOL OF THE DIVINE**

Light is a powerful image in Judaism. On Yom Kippur, right before Kol Nidre, we chant: *Or zarua la-tzaddik* (Light is sown for the righteous). In the old Union Prayer Book, the Sabbath candle lighting ritual began with these words, "Light is the symbol of the divine; may its radiance illumine our hearts." And in our current *siddur*, *Mishkan T'filah*, the blessing



acknowledging creation includes the words: Or *chadash al tzion tair* (May a new light shine upon Zion). We recall that after Moses descended from meeting with God, "rays of light" emanated from his head.

Light is an important symbol in Judaism because it represents the banishment of physical darkness. "Shedding light" is an often used metaphor but it has its roots in reality. We create light to banish all that darkness symbolizes: ignorance, poverty, racism and disease. The lighting of the Hanukkah candles brings with each dancing flame joy and festivity, latkes and dreidls, but each candle can represent so much more. Start a new tradition, and have your family decide which aspect of the "darkness" you hope to illuminate on each night of Hanukkah. For example, on the first night maybe you hope to "shed light" on homelessness, and you send gifts to a shelter (maybe socks or mittens, blankets or toys). On the second night, perhaps you will want to "shed light" for animals in local shelters. This could provide you and your family with an opportunity to donate food or toys or help out at a local animal organization. This year, as has become our tradition, Cantor's Chanters and *HaSharim* provide this much needed light by visiting Senior Centers throughout Los Angeles. Through singing, we provide light, warmth and the message of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is not just about donuts and latkes. It is about providing light and warmth where it is needed. It is about giving back to our community for *light* is the symbol of the *divine*. □



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FROM RABBI RICK KELLNER



The ritual of lighting the *Hanukkiyah* (Hanukkah Menorah) has long been one of my favorite rituals. Some of my best memories are from spending each night of Hanukkah lighting our Hanukkiot and filling the room with more and more light. We would sing songs; we would play dreidl; we would celebrate as a family. It was the thrill of lighting the candles that brought an overwhelming joy to our household.

Light and joy have an incredible link in Jewish tradition. In the book of Esther, we read, "The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor." (Esther 8:16). These words are invoked at the beginning of the *Havdallah* service; it is the *Havdallah* candle that carries these metaphors of joy and light, happiness and honor. So, too, our Hanukkah candles remind us of the joy that our people felt as they overcame their struggle for freedom from the Assyrians.

Temple Isaiah's Center for Wellness & Gratitude has been established this year to help bring light and joy to people's lives. We celebrate our joyous occasions, and we bring comfort in challenging times. Already this fall we have screened the films *Pink Skies* and *Babies*. Twenty-seven congregants participated in a *Bikkur Cholim* (visiting the sick) training

to help bring comfort to those recovering from illness or to celebrate children's births. Isaiah Women is in the process of starting a Support in Grief group to help accompany mourners on their path to wholeness. And twelve congregants participated in a bereavement group led by Rabbi Anne Brener. We have also changed our snack shop offerings on Tuesday afternoons for Religious School. In the spring we will welcome our Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Richard Address, add a group for those who have aging parents and do some work in our Religious School.

We hope Temple Isaiah's Center for Wellness & Gratitude continues to help you find joy and light in your life. Happy Hanukkah! □



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# Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue

## HUNGER



COMMUNITY FOOD AND RESOURCE PROGRAM

### CONTACT: RABBI DARA FRIMMER

Happy Hanukkah! Celebrate the miracle of oil that lasted eight days by donating an unopened bottle of cooking oil to the SOVA food pantry. Please place your bottles (carefully!) in the collection bin in our lobby. □

## HOMELESSNESS

### BIRTHDAY BANK

#### CONTACT: ALLISON REVIVO

Birthdays are a perfect time to have a conversation about how many blessings there are in our lives and how important it is to share those blessings. At this year's birthday party, have your child identify one present that he or she would be willing to give to someone whose family cannot afford to buy them presents. Come with your child to the Temple office and exchange your gift for a beautiful certificate of appreciation, signed by the clergy, recognizing your child's generosity on his or her birthday. The certificate will be presented at the weekly Shabbat celebration. **Gifts will be donated to families at Beyond Shelter.** For more information, please contact Allison Revivo at [alirevivo@gmail.com](mailto:alirevivo@gmail.com). □



## GLOBAL JUSTICE (SUSAN SILVER)



### SHEDDING LIGHT ON DARFUR AND CONGO

It is fitting as we celebrate the Festival of Lights that we, on the Jewish World Watch (JWW) Temple Isaiah Team, continue to shed light on dark, troubling places such as Darfur and Congo, the main focus of our work. Here is what we have been doing the last couple of months to enlighten ourselves and our Temple community:

1. In October, many of us saw *Ruined*, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning play at the Geffen about Congo, and attended the JWW event where JWW presented the playwright, Lynn Nottage, with its fourth annual iWitness Award for her outstanding work and activism related to the ongoing conflict in Congo.



Lynn Nottage (center) and JWW Co-Founder and President Janice Kamenir-Reznik (right) are joined by cast members in a fascinating talk-back following the October 5 performance of *Ruined*.

2. Also in October JWW Assistant Director and genocide scholar Naama Haviv delivered her enlightening presentation on Congo, where she had gone with a delegation a year ago to meet with genocide survivors.
3. In November JWW's Synagogue Resource Director Mina Rush engaged and enlightened our sixth graders with her dynamic presentation on Darfur.

### MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDAR:

**February 1:** Global Soul event to honor Janice Kamenir-Reznik

**April 10:** Annual Walk to End Genocide. □

## DECEMBER COLLECTIONS:

TOILETRIES

MAGAZINES FOR VETERANS (AARON WOLFE)

COOKING OIL FOR SOVA

## PUBLIC EDUCATION CONGREGATION BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (CBCO)

CONTACT: DIANA HARDY

Today, increasing numbers of synagogues are engaging in interfaith campaigns on vital issues of local concern, from public education to building affordable housing. We are partnering with One LA-IAF to strategize change across the city. We continue our work to strengthen local public schools. To learn more, please contact Diana Hardy at [dianaehardy@yahoo.com](mailto:dianaehardy@yahoo.com). □

**CLICK HERE FOR JUSTICE: [HTTP://WWW.SULAMCENTER.ORG/](http://www.sulamcenter.org/)**

The one place for all your Jewish Service Learning needs! The Sulam Center helps teenagers find quality community service opportunities and learn more about how to connect service experiences to Jewish thought and values. □



Interfaith Power and LIGHT is an organization committed to mobilizing a religious response to global warming in congregations through the promotion of renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation. Recently, they

began developing a food program that will demonstrate the connections between food production, food consumption and climate change.

Temple Isaiah is committed to learning more about the connections between faith, food and a healthy planet. This December, consider these next steps for you, your family and Temple Isaiah. Let us shine a light on our community: how we eat, how we pray and how we might save the planet.

**EAT**

- Host a congregation-wide potluck consisting only of locally grown and organic foods.
- Start a garden.
- Give food to those in need. Many communities have local organizations that gather the produce that remains on farmland after the harvest or the excess harvests of families with backyard fruit trees.
- Join our CSA.
- Find alternatives to meat. Eating less meat is healthy and also much gentler on the environment.

**PRAY**

- Consider the food rituals of your faith community. Design sustainable seders, Easter Suppers and Iftars during Ramadan.
- Explore the traditions regarding food in your faith community.
- Fasting is a ritual common to many faith traditions. Consider a symbolic or literal period of fasting from certain foods, and examine the spiritual connections around the loss.
- If grace or ritual blessing is part of your faith tradition, consider using a blessing that explicitly traces the path of the food to be consumed.

**SAVE THE PLANET**

- Engage your congregations, friends and family in actions supporting low-carbon foods.
- Host educational activities teaching about food issues.
- Contact your government representatives regarding local, state and national food policy.

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT STEWART BOGEN**



This is the time of year when we notice that the fading, filtered light grows dim so early and returns so late the next morning. When we rise in darkness, we know we will also return home in shadows. Now is when we need a steady glow to help us through the dark times.

Temple Isaiah brings us light and warmth as well in a cold world. But there is another meaning to the word “light,” and that is absence of burden, the buoyancy of what we carry.

The weight of keeping Temple Isaiah operating – of literally keeping the lights on – is not borne by any one of us alone. We share the burden to keep it lit for all.

Participating in the High Holy Day 2010 campaign is an opportunity for all of us to join together to keep our Temple a source of light, warmth, companionship, prayer, comfort and education and a sacred home for every one of us.

Most of us have already contributed, in sums large and small. Each

contribution helps pay for the clergy, the classes, the outreach, the communication, the food, the music, the books and the contact that brings us together under the gentle light of our community.

Each contribution ensures that the burden is light for us all. Your participation makes every other one count even more. That is why we are asking everyone who has not yet participated to join us and contribute today.

Because of your generosity, people who otherwise could not afford it are able to join in Temple Isaiah religious

services and programs, to have their children receive a religious education. Your contribution, joining you together with the rest of your community, makes this possible.

To make your High Holy Day contribution, please call the Temple Office at (310) 277-2772. You can do it now and make a real difference for the future. □

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## NOTES FROM THE GREEN TEAM

A light unto the nations. Be the example and show your friends and neighbors—it does catch on. Here are our **Top 10 low-hanging fruit for living more sustainably**. They may seem like little things, but, if we all do them, it is a big harvest.

1. Do not buy single-use disposable plastic water bottles. Of course it is convenient, but do we want to model this kind of waste for our children?
2. Use reusables. Start by carrying a drinking container in your car. When you go to meetings, bring it with you.
3. Change to low energy light bulbs now. Compact fluorescent bulbs are long lasting and use a whopping 80% less energy and generate that much less CO<sub>2</sub> than incandescent bulbs.
4. Save water. Take five-minute showers, reduce toilet flushes and rinse dishes with no more than a pencil-thick stream of water. Then think about how to reduce your electricity and gas consumption. It is easy to start by turning things off when not in use.
5. Know the disposal rules, i.e. what goes in which trash barrel and what goes to HAZMAT—then downsize your black trash barrel.
6. Clean your house with enviro-friendly products such as baking soda and vinegar.
7. Join an environmental group such as UCS, EDF, NRDC or the Sierra Club to be informed.
8. Carry a wallet card that recommends fish that are healthy to eat and whose population is not threatened. Download a guide from [www.montereyaquarium.org](http://www.montereyaquarium.org).
9. Avoid excessive packaging.
10. Use your car less. Walk, bike, car-pool or use public transportation.



This is to get you started. Next month, you will get the BIGGIES, the fruit that will make you stretch, but we know that stretching is good for us. □

### ISAIAH WOMEN

## Please Join *Isaiah Women* for Our Wonderful Events *in December*



Isaiah Women wishes everyone a very Happy Hanukkah. Please join us by becoming a member of Isaiah Women and being part of a fun and interesting group of fellow Temple members.

#### **WALKING GROUP - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 9:30 A.M.**

Meet at the Temple and walk around Rancho Park.

#### **CHOCOLATE FEST AND HOLIDAY GIVING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

Join us for an evening of all things chocolate and a chance to donate items to the Family Violence

Canter at [ellenjcanter@aol.com](mailto:ellenjcanter@aol.com) or (310)645-4966.

#### **LUNCH BUNCH - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 11:00 A.M.**

Join us for Indian cuisine at Bombay Café, 12021 W. Pico Blvd. L.A. RSVP to Sari Spiro at [spirojjs@aol.com](mailto:spirojjs@aol.com) or (310) 475-1162.

#### **ISAIAH WOMEN COMFORT IN GRIEF**

A new group composed of Isaiah Women is available to congregants on the day of a loved one's funeral. We can be at your home during a funeral to set up food or a pitcher of water for washing or for other things that you might need. You can contact the Isaiah Women directly at [ellenjcanter@aol.com](mailto:ellenjcanter@aol.com) or call (310) 645-4966 for additional information. □



## WELCOME *New Members*



Holly Globerman  
Marni and Brinton Harris  
Sarah and Russell Korobkin

Ann and Stephen Levit  
Leonard Marks  
Renee and Albert Mizrahi

Sherry Ollins  
Nadia and Kevin Sweeney  
Deena and Michael Wachtel

Talmud says, "Welcoming guests is greater than receiving the face of the divine presence." We welcome those who have become part of our Temple family. Our goal at Temple Isaiah is to encourage your involvement as both members and volunteers.

### TRAVEL WITH ISAIAH

## *Tuscany:* WITH A JEWISH TOUCH

Join Rabbi and Sheila Gan in Italy  
for Tuscany with a Jewish Touch -

June 1- June 12, 2011



The first Jews in Italy were two Jewish ambassadors sent to Rome by Judah Macabee in 161 BCE, and Jews have resided in Italy ever since.

Our trip begins in Rome, moves up through Umbria and into Tuscany, where we will spend most of our twelve days. We will be exploring Tuscany's beautiful small towns and tiny villages, seeing the artistic treasures, enjoying the pleasures of fine Tuscan foods and wine and experiencing the incomparable beauty of rural Tuscan landscapes. The story of the Jews will be the subplot of our tour, as it has been throughout the history of Tuscany and Italy.

If you are interested and would like more information on this wonderful Italian adventure, contact Sheila Gan at 310-559-5195 or sheilag11@aol.com.

# ISRAEL 2012



## JOIN US!

Temple Isaiah is planning an  
amazing congregation-wide trip  
to Israel, featuring tracks led  
by all four clergy!

Rabbi Klein will lead a track on Conflict Resolution; Rabbi Frimmer on Social Justice; Rabbi Kellner on Israel for the whole family and Cantor Kent on Food, Wine, Architecture and Music. Whether you have been there before or not, come with us in late June 2012.

For more information contact  
Terry & Andrea Pullan at  
tpullan@pullan.com or apullan@pullan.com

## PRESCHOOL



Tamar Andrews  
Early Childhood  
Program Director

This is the darkest month of the year as we have many more hours of moonlight than sunlight. However, light comes into our lives in many different ways. One is through the wonderful events we have here at Isaiah. They bring in real light when we bless the candles as well as the light of community, friendship and prayer.

I have been asked many times to provide recipes for some of the foods I cook at Temple Isaiah events including Fourth Friday Shabbat programs. One of the foods I love to make is cholent. Cholent is actually a very old dish and very steeped in religious Jewish tradition. It was created in order to allow Jews to eat a hot meal on the Sabbath day without having to transgress the prohibition against cooking on the Sabbath. There are many variations of cholent as each Jewish community, such as Moroccans, Tunisians, Iraqis and Russians, have created their own versions. The cholent that I make for the Temple Isaiah community is a Polish/Russian version. Enjoy!



One bag of barley, washed

One bag of mixed cholent beans  
(found in any kosher market)

One bag of garbanzo beans (optional)

One box (two packets) Lipton Onion Soup mix

4-6 strips of Flanken or short ribs of beef

4-6 potatoes

Wash and place all ingredients into a crock pot or baking dish making sure that it only takes up about ¼ of the volume of that dish. Add water up to ¾ of the dish and seal tight. Bake at 250 or low for 12 hours or at 350 for 6 hours. □

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Joshua Mason-Barkin  
Director of  
Congregational  
Learning

## Words, Light and Jewish Families

The act of creating light, according to our tradition, is an act of transition, separation and distinction. On Hanukkah, we kindle lights to mark the distinction between the warmth in our homes and the coldness of the darkest part of the year, between the miraculous and the ordinary. On Shabbat, we light candles to transition from the everyday into the holiness of rest and then back again on Saturday evening when we light a multi-wicked candle to mark the separation between the sacred and the rest of the week.

Our tradition also teaches that words and light go together. Rashi, the medieval commentator, teaches that the words of Torah are “black fire written on white fire” (see Rashi on Deut. 33:2). In his song “Hallelujah” (a sort of musical commentary on the King David story), Jewish songwriter Leonard Cohen writes that “There’s a blaze of light in every word.” Of course, the Torah recounts that the creation of our world begins when God utters the words, “Let there be light.”

I was recently reminded of the relationship between words and light when I studied the blessing over the Shabbat candles with the parents in our third-grade pilot program Kulanu. Even though it was a Sunday morning, these parents lit the candles, discussed the meaning of the ritual and its blessing after reading the words from Genesis in which God creates light and shared personal Shabbat memories. Then they shared and brainstormed ideas for creatively bringing Shabbat into their homes.

The experience was a moving illustration of one of the goals of family education at Temple Isaiah: to empower and enable families to create Jewish homes that authentically reflect their own Jewish selves and that bring both the words and the light of Judaism to life. *Chag Urim Sameach*: May you have a joyous holiday of light. □



## B'NAI MITZVAH



### MOLLY SCOTT

Daughter of Judith Weiner  
and David Scott  
Saturday, December 4, 2010



### MARNI ZIPPER

Daughter of Amy Phillips  
and Allen Zipper  
Saturday, December 4, 2010



### ADIN ZUCK

Son of Francine and Bennett Zuck  
Saturday, December 11, 2010



### RICHARD NOVICK

Son of Susan and Edward Novick  
Saturday, December 11, 2010



### JULIETTE SMITH

Daughter of Karen Smith  
Saturday, December 18, 2010

## YOUTH GROUP

### CLUB 456 (GRADES 4 - 6)

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 FOR A  
GOOD-OLE HANUKKAH PARTY!

12:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. - FREE

We will walk to a home near Temple Isaiah after Religious School for an  
afternoon of potluck, activities, gift exchange and dreidl games.

### JR. ITY (GRADES 7 - 8)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 5 - SUSHI AND KARAOKE

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - \$20/MEMBER

We are dedicating this Hanukkah to YOU! Join us for SUSHI &  
KARAOKE for an evening of harmonious food, tunes and lighting  
the Hanukkiah with friends!

### ITY (GRADES 9 - 12)

IT IS RETREAT TIME! JOIN ITY AT THE NFTY  
FALL KALLAH: DECEMBER 10 - 12. THIS IS A  
RETREAT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

Contact Lisa Greengard for more info: [lisa@templeisaiah.com](mailto:lisa@templeisaiah.com)



Welcome BBQ for Jr. ITY was a blast! Food, friends,  
games: what more can you ask for!

Can you lick your elbow? CLUB 456 attempted this  
at our "kick off the year" Deck Party. The pizza we  
made was much tastier!

A big thank you to those who have contributed to the various Temple funds. Your contributions allow us to do so much and give back to the community. A true mitzvah!

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 Florence Saffer by Mark and Lynn Rogo  
 Irving Wershow and Miriam Wershow  
 by Phyllis and Joel Rothman  
 Earl Shor by Rita Shor  
 Ralph Amado by Gail Solo  
 Michael Stein by Joseph Stein  
 Jerome S. Jaffe by Sunnye and Richard Tuch  
 Sylvia Berger by Ann Weinman  
 Sylvia Berger by Felicia Zeidenfeld

## DECEMBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

### DECEMBER 3

Albert Alpern  
 Jacob Bass  
 Henry Cross  
 Joseph S. Fields  
 Milton I. Freedman  
 Albert Al Greene  
 David Kimmel  
 Samuel Kurtz  
 Eugene L. Lazare  
 Harry Lefko  
 Morton Joseph Markman  
 Judge Florence Bernstein Morris  
 Ellis Bernard Morton  
 Sonia Rifkin  
 Esther Rosner  
 Herman Schiller  
 Shirley Schiller  
 Anna B. Sokol  
 Benjamin Joseph Wolfe  
 Martin Zacharius

Sylvia Neiditch Korman  
 Gordon Marcovitz  
 Ruth Pearson  
 Lena Reskin  
 Samuel Romain  
 Charles A. Starr  
 Carolyn Bookman Weiner

### DECEMBER 17

Simon Auerbach  
 Rae Barnes  
 Miriam Bayard  
 Marjorie Benson  
 Irving Chirpin  
 Eugene Joseph Didak  
 Ray C. Elman  
 Ida Fink  
 Rebecca Goldinger  
 Nathan Korman  
 Blanche Wetter  
 Leib Wolfson

### DECEMBER 10

Lillian Douglas  
 Joseph Charles Elman  
 Lillian Ruth Freedman  
 Max Ralph Ginsburg  
 Mildred Kern

### DECEMBER 24

Nathan Berniker  
 Maury Jascha Diamond  
 Bluma M. Goldstein  
 Tibbian Elinor Golenternek  
 Charlotte Grutman

Edward Kane  
 Edward Levinson  
 Max Neiditch  
 Sadie C. Pittler  
 Hannah "Hennie" Pollak  
 Noah Rachofsky  
 Louis Ben Ratner  
 Irving Herman Somers  
 William Steinberg  
 Florence Swartz  
 Samuel Tarnowsky  
 Isadore Weiss  
 Tillie Mesiroff Wolfe  
 Sam Zetzel

### DECEMBER 31

Henrietta Blumberg  
 Bessie Dash  
 Melvin Dauber  
 Cecelia DeRoy  
 Bert Freeman  
 John Nasht  
 Lillian R. Stern  
 Irving Weisbart  
 Dawn Weiss  
 Dorothy Green  
 Dina Levi  
 Harry Macoff

## LIFECYCLES

**MILESTONES:** Mazel Tov to Tanaz Javanshir and Dr. Peyman Banoooni on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Patti Chorn on the birth of her grandson; Mazel Tov to Tina Oberman-Fox and Stephen Fox on the birth of their granddaughter; Mazel Tov to Tammy and Jeremy Golan on the birth of their daughter; Mazel Tov to Marni and Brinton Harris on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Alexis and Gregory Lessans on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Catherine Youssefyeh and Hootan Melamed on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Jamie and Pejman Sabet on the birth of their twins.

**SYMPATHY:** We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Elisabeth Abarbanel on the loss of her father, D. Craig Palmer; Honey Amado on the loss of her husband, Ralph; Jordi Schuster Battis on the loss of her grandmother, Sallye Schuster; Sheldon Berger on the loss of his wife, Sylvia; Mark Cohen, on the loss of his grandmother, Bahare Soufer; Sherry Garfield on the loss of her mother, Florence Saffer; Amanda Giroux, on the loss of her grandfather, Stanley Brown; Cheri Katz, on loss of her uncle, Frank Martinelli; Dr. Leonard Marks on the loss of his wife, Marilyn.

**SPEEDY RECOVERY:** The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Caryn Friedman; Lorraine Trogman; Lisa Woods; Jodi and Steven Zimelman.

## LINES FROM THE LIBRARY



### Library Hours

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
 Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

By Ellen G. Cole, Librarian

## NOAH'S ARK READING CONTEST

### READ FROM RAIN TO RAINBOWS TO PRIZES

The Levine Library lights up this month. The hotly contested annual reading contest starts as part of Jewish Book Month. Librarian Ellen Cole invites Religious School students to read for fun and prizes.

This school year, the contest theme encourages students to rise above the flood by reading from rain to rainbows. The Noah's Ark Reading Contest will introduce children to dramatic biblical characters. Students can sign up in the Library now.

Parents: encourage your children in grades 2 to 6 to enter and read. Competitors read from November 14, 2010 until March 22, 2011. They read Jewish books at their grade level, then report to the Librarian before school, during recess or after school. All types of Jewish books count: fiction, non-fiction, biography, poetry. Readers gain bonus points when they read bible stories. The more competitors read, the higher they place. Contestants receive a theme folder in which to list their books and a poster on which stickers mark their progress.

The contest offers rewards sunnier than 40 days of rain. Five book reports put readers on the ark: they win a yogurt treat. Ten books or more float readers under the rainbow: they win prizes at the special Library Reading Contest Award Assembly on Sunday, April 10, 2011 when the Librarian announces the winners and presents prizes.

# DECEMBER 2010 CALENDAR

## SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday's, December 3\*, 10, 17#, 24 and 31

5:45 P.M. PRE-ONEG

6:15 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICES

7:30 P.M. ONEG

*\*December 3 - Shabbat Services with Consecration  
# December 17 - Following services is Israeli Dancing.*

Mon

**CENTER FOR THE WIDOWED**

*Every Monday*

Wed

**DAUGHTERS OF TORAH -  
LEARNING CIRCLE**

*Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

**CANTOR KENT MEDITATION CIRCLE**

*Every Wednesday 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

Sat

**SHABBAT TORAH STUDY**

*Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning,  
exploring Torah verse by verse

**1 ISRAEL ROUNDTABLE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 8:30 A.M.**

Join Jordi Schuster Battis for this monthly  
roundtable discussion.

**4 TOT SHABBAT  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 9:00 A.M.**

Join us for our monthly Tot Shabbat.  
The theme this month is “Hanukkah.”

**5 CLUB 456 HANUKKAH PARTY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 12:00 P.M.**

**8 TISCH #2- CANTOR EVAN KENT  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 7:30 P.M.**

Join Cantor Kent for his Tisch on “Chanukah: More  
than Latkes and Dreidel”

**9 CINEMA ISAIAH  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 11:30 A.M.**

Join us for our monthly movie with lunch.  
RSVP to Nancy- (310) 277-2772.

**11 HEARTS & MINDS: A TORAH ROUNDTABLE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 9:00 A.M.**

All are welcome to this passionate,  
joyous and critical study of Torah.

**16 GREEN TEAM MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 7:00 P.M.**

The Green Team focuses on educating and advocating  
on environmental issues, green activism, and creating green initiatives.  
Contact Steve Fox, at minusksf@aol.com

**MOVIE SCREENING- “RACE TO NOWHERE”  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 7:00 P.M.**

**21 T.I.N.G. MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 8:00 A.M.**

This is open to all Temple members and those who  
want to build their business through referrals.

For questions, call Ivy Rappaport at 323-782-3032.

**CELEBRATE HANUKKAH  
AND SHABBAT WITH  
TEMPLE ISAIAH  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3,  
6:15 P.M.**



Featuring music by  
HaSharim, Cantor's  
Chanters and  
Religious School  
Consecration.

Bring your menorah.  
Oneg Shabbat will feature  
latkes and sufganiyot.

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## LIFELONG LEARNING

### *Our Tischen Continue*

#### WITH CANTOR KENT

A Tisch is Yiddish for table. Join us as we reignite the ancient Chasidic tradition where Jews would gather at the rabbi's table to learn. This year there will be four Tischen, one taught by each of our Clergy. Each Tisch will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the home of one of our congregants.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH CANTOR KENT

"Hanukkah: More than Latkes and Dreidls" at the home of Julie and Alan Grass. This is the eighth night of Hanukkah; please bring your Hanukkiah and candles in addition to wine or dessert for four. Please RSVP to Julie Moldo at [julie@templeisaiah.com](mailto:julie@templeisaiah.com)

*Space is limited for all Tischen*

### SHABBAT SCHMOOZE: THE JEWS OF BROADWAY

JOIN WITH DR. JILL GOLD WRIGHT  
AND OUR CANTOR'S EVAN KENT AND  
LORNA LEMBECK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 8:00 P.M.

Join us for a musical and historical perspective of the Jews of Broadway as we listen to the music and learn how Jews have shaped the Broadway theatrical experience.



### ISRAEL OVER BREAKFAST

Join with Rabbinic Intern Jordi Schuster Battis for a monthly roundtable conversation about Israel, the first Wednesday of the month. We will next meet

on Wednesday December 1 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will take place at the temple. Please RSVP to Gail Minkow at 310-277-2772. Look at the online bulletin for more information.



### YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FOURTH ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT

PSALM AND CHANTED  
EVENINGS:

USING THE PSALMS  
FOR HEALTH,  
HEALING, PRAYER AND  
INSPIRATION

Friday, December 10 to Sunday, December 12  
in Malibu at Camp Hess Kramer in the Breuer  
Conference Center

Come and learn with your friends and the Temple Isaiah rabbis and cantor in the beautiful hills of Malibu overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

We will celebrate Shabbat together and explore the majesty and mystery of the Book of Psalms.

During this weekend we will explore how the psalms function both in our lives and as part of our liturgy.